



## **Long Beach City Council, Board of Harbor Commissioners Approve New Long Beach Civic Center Project**

In December 2015, the City Council and the Board of Harbor Commissioners both unanimously approved the Civic Center Project. This Project, including a new seismically superior City Hall and Port Headquarters, a New Main Library and a revitalized Lincoln Park, is both monumental and transformational. It is monumental in size and scope; economic impact; community amenities; governmental cooperation; and uniformity of vision. It is transformational in governmental consolidation, shared use and functional synergy; a catalyst for Downtown resurgence; societal parity and engagement; massive private investment; quality private development; and broad impetus for collateral investment. And, uniquely, this Project creates no additional tax burden on our residents.

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This Project will deliver a 254,000-square-foot City Hall, a 237,000-square-foot Port Headquarters, a 92,500-square-foot New Main Library. The half billion dollar investment into our City will create the energy, attention and credibility to bring our City onto the world stage. This is achieved not only as a result of the monetary investment and governmental leadership, but also as a result of California's first City Hall delivered through a Public-Private Partnership that provides a design, build, finance, operate and maintain procurement process that includes a 40-year maintenance contract. Our new City Hall and Main Library will look and function much like new after the 40-year contract expires.

The Revitalized Lincoln Park will become a regional attraction, offering amenities not only for Downtown residents, both current and future, but a cultural attraction where City families can go to visit, enjoy, learn and play. The cultural and historic loop will honor our City's history and recognize those that made our City great. The children's playground, the Dog Park, and events lawn will transform a lightly used local park to a highly functional, broadly attractive, regional destination.

The City Council and the Board of Harbor Commissioners were pioneers in fiscal creativity while embracing fiscal responsibility. This Project created a commercial framework and financial structure that provides a pathway for other civic projects to advance without burdening their residents with additional debt or taxes. Long Beach continues to lead the way in innovation.